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SUBJ: ECOSOC - 9TH SESSION OF COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, BUILDING

AND PLANNING, GENEVA, OCTOBER 13-24, 1975

REF: GENEVA 7825

1. SUMMARY: OF 27 MEMBER COUNTRIES, ONLY 11 (3 LDCS) REPRESENTED BY TECHNICAL EXPERTS FROM HOME; 8 BY PERMANENT MISSIONS (CANADA); AND 8 ARE NO-SHOWS (USSR). TWO OF 4 OBSERVERS PRESENT, JAPAN AND TANZANIA, WILL JOIN COMMITTEE IN JANUARY 1976. ALL REGIONAL COMMISSIONS EXCEPT ECLA REPRESENTED. NINE UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES ALSO REPRESENTED, WITH THE MOST ACTIVE BEING UNEP/UNHHSF (MR. OSMAN), FAO (MR. SOLOMON) AND WORLD BANK (MR. DUNKERLY). NOTE: DUNKERLY LEFT GENEVA YESTERDAY. NO SURPRISES IN DISAPPOINTING DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEM 3. END SUMMARY.

2. CENTRE DIRECTOR MWALUKO INTRODUCED DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEM 3 AND RELATED DOCUMENTS E/C.6/142 AND E/C.6/143. HE CAUTIONED THAT DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE VIEWED AS BACKGROUND NOT CONCLUSIVE REPORTS AND NOTED UNCLASSIFIED

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RELEVANCE OF RELATED MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES (FOOD,

POPULATION, UNIDO, SPECIAL SESSION) AND POSSIBLE POINTS OF AGREEMENT AND CONFLICT WITH CONCLUSIONS REACHED (FOR EXAMPLE, THE CALL FOR INCREASED FOOD PRODUCTION THROUGH MECHANIZATION OF AGRICULTURE AND THE RESULTING DISPLACEMENT OF LABOR TO FEED THE FLOW OF RURAL-URBAN MIGRATION).

3. COMMITTEE'S TREATMENT OF ITEM DISAPPOINTING AND ESSENTIALLY NITPICKING OVER STYLE AND CONTENT. OBJECTIONS WERE RAISED TO GLOBAL PRESENTATION AS BEING TOO SWEEPING; GENERALIZATIONS THAT ARE INAPPLICABLE TO MANY COUNTRIES AND THAT LOSE SIGHT OF WHAT IS NEEDED; AND VALUABLE INFORMATION HIDDEN OR OMITTED. SPECIFIC OMISSIONS CITED INCLUDED: ENERGY AND RURAL ASPECTS, IMPROVEMENT OF EXISTING HOUSING STOCK, AND ANALYSIS OF THE RESULTS OF TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL AID INTERVENTIONS.

4. LAND ISSUES WERE DISCUSSED IN SOME DEPTH, WITH VARIOUS NATIONAL APPROACHES CITED ON LAND USE, LAND REFORM, CONTROL OF SPECULATION AND PROFITEERING, AND SOCIAL USE OF INCREASED LAND VALUATION. NO DISCUSSION OF NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER; ONLY OCCASIONAL PASSING REFERENCES.ABRAMS

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